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Angkor Sentinel 2014 kicks off 4th year of Idaho participation

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RCAF Soldiers conduct a pass and review during opening ceremonies of Angkor Sentinel 14. Photo by Sgt. Crystal Cantrell-Jones

KAMPONG SPEU PROVINCE, Cambodia – Soldiers of the 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team (Idaho Army National Guard), USARPAC, Asia-Pacific C-IED Fusion Center, 18th Medical Command, and 413th Contracting Brigade have journeyed back to the Peacekeeping Operations School in Kampong Speu Province, Cambodia to participate in the ANGKOR SENTINEL 2014 exercise April 20-30.

ANGKOR SENTINEL 14, hosted by the Royal Cambodian Army, is a U.S. Army Pacific-sponsored annual bilateral military exercise conducted between U.S. Armed Forces and Royal Cambodian Armed Forces (RCAF). AS14 continues a substantial, 5-year effort by USARPAC and U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) to build Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief (HA/DR) capability in Cambodia. It directly contributes to achieving key U.S. and Cambodian security objectives by providing a rigorous training environment for both nations.

The exercise promotes military readiness and interoperability, and is USARPAC's capstone Security Cooperation event with

Cambodia. Cambodia uses the exercise to prepare forces for United Nations missions around the globe, and internal and regional HA/DR missions. This year marked the fourth year of participation from the Idaho Army National Guard.

"The achievements and accomplishments that our government, the people and the military have been completed are also part of the tremendous involvement from the American government, the people and the military," stated Lieutenant General Hun Manet in his remarks during the opening ceremony. "Obviously, today under the great support from the U.S. Army enable the Cambodian Army to be capable and gain more new skills in response to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief which are most demanded by the people around the world as well as our soldiers to understand and develop more enthusiasm in the multi-nations operation."

On April 20, 2014, U.S. and Cambodian forces attended the opening ceremony for AS14. Nearly 1,000 Soldiers participated in the day's event, including over 100 from the Idaho Army National Guard. Brigadier General John Goodale, Idaho Army National Guard Commanding General, gave his opening remarks in the opening ceremony of ANGKOR SENTINEL 14 held at the Peacekeeping Operations School. In his opening remarks, he stated, "... both Cambodian and U.S. Soldiers learn valuable tactics, techniques and procedures that enable them to respond effectively and efficiently to man-made and natural disasters they may face at home, regionally and in UN Peacekeeping missions around the world. Angkor Sentinel promotes an environment that is both challenging and rewarding, with Soldiers from both sides learning skills that can be used worldwide in a wide



Idaho National Guard Soldiers present arms during opening ceremonies of Angkor Sentinel 14. 2014 marks Idaho's fourth year participating in the Army-to-Army exercise. Photo by Staff Sgt. Krista Fletcher

variety of missions."

The military relationship between the U.S. and Cambodian forces continues to grow through cooperative activities. This year's Angkor Sentinel, hosted by the Royal Cambodian Army, is a significant step forward in army-to-army cooperation.

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